

Knowledge Organiser for Geography

Year 4

What is a geographer?

How is Chan'gou, China similar or different to Crowmarsh?

What are the key features of rivers?

What is the importance of the Yangtze River in China?

Key Vocabulary

Geographer, geography skills, observation, earth, landscape, village, town, county, capital city, country, continent, remote, north, south, east, west, rural, urban, land—use, housing, settlement, roads, transport, travel, compare, similarities, differences.

Rivers, upper course, middle course, lower course, source, mouth, meander, ox-bow lake, rapids, waterfall, gorge, estuary, tributary, confluence, flood plain, erosion, deposition, transportation, river bank, river use, pollution.

Key knowledge questions

1. What is geography? What does it mean to think like a geographer?

What do geographers do? What skills would a geographer need? What does it mean to 'think like a geographer?' What would make a good geographer?

2. Where are we and where are we going?

Where are we? Locate using Google Earth. Identify and name village, town, counties, capital city, countries and continents.

Where could we be studying? Which continent is our location on? Which country is it in? Make predictions through discussion and justify reasons.

Where is China? Locate using Google Earth identifying continent, country, capital city and town.

What do we know about China? What key facts can we learn?

Where is Chan'gou? Identify through use of clues using compass points and key geographical features.

What other geographical physical features can be identified?

2. How does the landscape influence the way they live in Chan'gou? How does this compare to Crowmarsh?

What is the landscape like? What physical features can you identify? What is the surrounding area like? Do people travel there? What are the houses like?

What jobs do people do? Why do they do these jobs?

3. What is life like for children? How does this compare to Crowmarsh?

Do they go to school? What is the daily routine of a typical child? What do they do in any leisure time?

4. Do people visit Chan'gou? Why would people visit Chan'gou? How does this compare to Crowmarsh?

Does any charity work take place in the local area? Have any geographic or scientific research taken place there?

5. Would you prefer to live in Crowmarsh or Chan'gou?

Why? Can you use your knowledge of Crowmarsh and Chan'gou to justify your reasons?

6. What are the key features of rivers?

Where do rivers start and end? What are the different sections within a river system? What geographical features occur along a river? How do rivers change over time?

7. Why is the Yangtze River important in China?

Can you apply your knowledge of rivers to the Yangtze? Can you describe the course of the Yangtze River? What else happens on the Yangtze that makes it an important resource in China? Where is Chan'gou situated in relation to the Yangtze River?